

EPA Public Meeting & Comment Period

Whitmoyer Laboratories Superfund Site

◆ Proposal to Modify the Soil Cleanup ◆



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to change the cleanup plan for soils at the Whitmoyer Labs Superfund Site in Jackson Township, Pennsylvania. EPA is proposing to excavate soils that are contaminated with organic chemicals and treat them off-site. After excavating the soil, EPA would place a two-foot cover of clean soil on the site. This soil cover would allow rainwater and melted snow to seep through the soils, carrying the remaining arsenic contamination into the groundwater. Extraction wells would capture this contaminated groundwater and transport it to an on-site treatment plant, where it will be cleaned. Because this process would remove contamination from the soils that are below the water table (saturated soils), EPA proposes to leave these saturated soils in place.

Originally, EPA decided to excavate the saturated soils down to the bedrock, treat soils contaminated with organic chemicals on-site, and cover the site with an impermeable cap. If EPA's proposal is adopted, the cleanup of the entire site, excluding groundwater, could be completed in two years. Groundwater treatment will continue until EPA cleanup goals are reached.



Public Meeting on EPA's Proposed Change

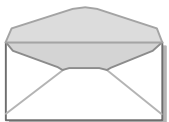
July 13, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.

Jackson Township Municipal Building

60 North Ramona Road ◆ Myerstown, PA

30-Day Public Comment Period

You can let EPA know what you think about the proposal during the 30-day public comment period beginning June 30, 1999 and ending July 29, 1999. During that time you can mail your comments to:



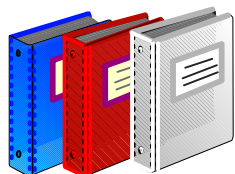
Chris Corbett, Remedial Project Manager

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No decisions or changes will be made until after the comment period ends. Once the comment period closes, EPA addresses issues raised during the comment period.

Public Information Files



The new proposal for cleaning the soils is formally described in a legal document called a 'Draft Amendment to the Record of Decision for Operable Unit Three'. A copy of this draft legal document is available in public information files, also called an Administrative Record. Visit these files at:

Myerstown Community Library, 199 North College Street, Myerstown, PA 17067 (717) 866-2800



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